

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A connector~~(A)~~, comprising:

a housing having opposite front and rear ends and at least one terminal accommodating space (12) extending between the front and rear ends for accommodating at least one terminal fitting~~(35)~~,

a holder extending from the rear end of the housing, the holder having a wire accommodating space (22) communicating with the terminal accommodating space (12) and extending angularly from the terminal accommodating space, the wire accommodating space being configured to accommodate at least part of a wire (30) connected with the terminal fitting (35) and so that the wire is bent substantially into an L-shape, and

a bite-in portion ~~(24)~~ formed integrally with the holder on an inner surface of the wire accommodating space~~(22)~~, the biting in portion projecting sufficiently into the wire accommodating space for plastically deforming at least part of the wire ~~(30)~~ by biting in a bent portion ~~(30b)~~ of the wire~~(30)~~.

2. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the bite-in portion ~~(24)~~ is disposed to bite in the bent portion ~~(30b)~~ of the wire ~~(30)~~ at a position of an inner side with respect to bending.

3. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the terminal accommodating space ~~(12)~~ accommodates the terminal fitting ~~(35)~~ with a longitudinal axis of the terminal fitting ~~(35)~~ substantially aligned with forward and backward directions ~~(FBD)~~ of the connector.

4. (currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein ~~a section (30a) of the wire (30) from a biting position of the bite-in portion (24) to a connected position with the terminal fitting (35) is~~ has a surface that extends substantially straight from a wall of the housing substantially adjacent a rear end of the terminal accommodating space.

5. (currently amended) ~~The A connector of claim 1, wherein the~~ comprising:

a wire (30) ~~has~~ having an outer layer (34) that is at least partly removed at the bent portion (30b) adjacent and end of the wire (30) to lower the diameter of the wire (30), the wire being bent where the outer layer has been removed to define a bent portion;

a terminal fitting secured to the end of the wire;

a housing having opposite front and rear ends and a terminal accommodating space extending between the ends for accommodating the terminal fitting;

a holder substantially at the rear end of the housing and defining a wire accommodating space communicating with terminal accommodating space, the wire accommodating space being aligned angularly of the terminal accommodating space and being configured to accommodate portions of the wire extending from the bent portion thereof; and

a bite-in portion formed integrally with the holder on an inner surface of the wire accommodating space, the bite-in portion projecting sufficiently into the wire

accommodating space for biting into the bent portion of the wire and plastically deforming at least part of the wire.

6. (currently amended) The connector of claim ~~1~~ 5, wherein the wire ~~(30)~~ has an inner conductor ~~(31)~~, a core ~~(32)~~ made of an insulating material around the inner conductor ~~(31)~~, an outer conductor ~~(33)~~ around the core ~~(32)~~, and a sheath ~~(34)~~ made of an insulating material around the outer conductor ~~(33)~~, the sheath ~~(34)~~ being at least partly stripped at the bent portion ~~(30b)~~ being the outer layer that is removed to at least partly expose the outer conductor ~~(33)~~.

7. (currently amended) The connector of claim 6, wherein a sheath contact surface ~~(23)~~ is formed on the inner surface of the wire accommodating space ~~(22)~~ for contacting an outer circumferential surface of the sheath ~~(34)~~, the bite-in portion ~~(24)~~ projecting from the sheath contact surface ~~(23)~~ by distance substantially equal to a radial thickness of the sheath ~~(34)~~.

8. (currently amended) A connector ~~(B)~~, comprising:
a housing having opposite front and rear ends and at least one terminal accommodating space ~~(12)~~ for at least partly accommodating at least one terminal fitting ~~(35)~~,

a holder substantially at the rear end of the housing, the holder defining a wire accommodating space ~~(22)~~ communicating with the terminal accommodating space ~~(12)~~ and adapted to accommodate at least part of a wire ~~(30)~~ connected with the terminal fitting ~~(35)~~ so that the wire ~~(30)~~ has a bent portion (30b) bent substantially into an L-shape, and

a locking section (25; 26) ~~on~~ formed integrally with the holder and projecting from an inner surface of the wire accommodating space (22) at a location spaced from the housing, the locking section projecting sufficiently into the wire accommodating space for engaging a portion (39) of the wire (30) extending from the bent portion (30b) towards a side opposite the terminal fitting (35) for substantially preventing longitudinal displacement of the wire (30).

9. (currently amended) The connector of claim 8, wherein the wire (30) has an inner conductor (31), an insulating core (32) around the inner conductor (31), an outer conductor (33) around the core (32), and an insulating sheath (34) around the outer conductor (33), the sheath (34) being partially stripped to expose an end surface (39a; 39b) substantially normal to a longitudinal direction (LD) of the sheath (34), and the locking section (25; 26) being engaged with the exposed end surface (39a; 39b).

10. (currently amended) A connector (A) for accommodating a wire (30) and a terminal fitting (35), the wire (30) having an end, portions of the wire (30) spaced from the end having an insulating sheath (34) thereon, the sheath (34) defining a radial dimension (D), portions of the wire (30) adjacent the end having the sheath (34) removed, the terminal fitting (35) being connected to the wire (30) in proximity to the end and at locations spaced from the sheath (34), the connector (A) comprising:

a terminal accommodating space (12) having open front and rear ends and configured for accommodating the terminal fitting (35);

a wire accommodating space (22) extending angularly from the rear end of the terminal accommodating space (12) and having an open rear face, the wire

accommodating space ~~(22)~~ being configured to accommodate portions of the wire ~~(30)~~ having the sheath ~~(34)~~ thereon; and

a projection ~~(24, 25)~~ projecting rearwardly into the wire accommodating space ~~(22)~~ by a projecting distance substantially equal to the radial dimension ~~(D)~~ of the sheath ~~(34)~~ for engaging portions of the wire ~~(30)~~ having the sheath ~~(34)~~ removed.

11. (currently amended) The connector of claim 10, wherein the projection ~~(24)~~ is formed on an internal corner between the terminal accommodating space ~~(12)~~ and the wire accommodating space ~~(22)~~.

12. (currently amended) The connector of claim 10, wherein the projecting distance of the projection ~~(24)~~ is sufficient to plastically deform portions of the wire ~~(30)~~ having the sheath ~~(34)~~ removed.

13. (currently amended) The connector of claim 10, further comprising a cover ~~(18)~~ for selectively covering the open rear face of the wire accommodating space ~~(22)~~.

14. (currently amended) The connector of claim 12, wherein the cover ~~(18)~~ is hinged to one of the terminal accommodating space ~~(12)~~ and the wire accommodating space ~~(22)~~.

15. (currently amended) The connector of claim 13, further comprising a locking section ~~(26)~~ formed on the cover ~~(18)~~ and configured for engaging a portion of the wire ~~(30)~~ having the sheath ~~(34)~~ removed.

16. (currently amended) The connector of claim 14, wherein the projection ~~(25)~~ and the locking section ~~(26)~~ are disposed for engaging a cut end of the sheath ~~(34)~~.

17. (canceled).
18. (canceled).
19. (canceled).
20. (canceled).